

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 493

By Weaver

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Chief Donald W. Bandy upon being named the 2018 Tennessee Chief of the Year by the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated their professional careers and personal abilities to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Chief Donald W. Bandy of the Gallatin Police Department is one such estimable individual, who was selected as the 2018 Tennessee Chief of the Year at the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police's annual training conference banquet; and

WHEREAS, Chief Don Bandy received his Bachelor of Science degree from Bethel University's College of Criminal Justice; he is a graduate of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy and the 332nd class of the School of Police Staff and Command at Northwestern University; and

WHEREAS, Chief Bandy began his career in law enforcement with the Sumner County Sheriff's Office in 1992, where he served for nine years; and

WHEREAS, since joining the Gallatin Police Department in 2001, Chief Don Bandy has served as an investigator with the 18th District Attorney's office, Field Training Officer, Patrol Sergeant, and Operations Lieutenant; he has experience in corrections, patrol, SWAT, criminal investigations, and narcotics; and

WHEREAS, Chief Bandy was appointed Interim Chief of Police in January 2011 while a nationwide search began for a permanent replacement; the City of Gallatin soon realized how valuable he was, and he was named the full-time Chief of Police that May; and

WHEREAS, he serves on the Board of Directors for the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police and the 18th Judicial Drug Task Force, and he is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #65, which he has served as president; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and awards, Chief Bandy was the recipient of the 2018 Municipal Public Servant of the Year Award from the Sumner County Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Chief Don Bandy is grateful to share both love and companionship with his wife, Tiffany, and his sons, Noah and Nick; and

WHEREAS, Chief Bandy epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Chief Don Bandy is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Chief Donald W. Bandy upon being named the 2018 Tennessee Chief of the Year by the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police, commend his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.